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(U) CALIFORNIA**(U) Long Beach – US Raises Objections to State-Run Chinese Company Controlling Port Terminal**

(U) US regulators are reportedly raising objections that Cosco Shipping, a state-run Chinese company, could take control of a container terminal at the Port of Long Beach as part of its \$6.3-billion acquisition of another company. The concerns have been raised by the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. The secretive committee, which is chaired by the Treasury Department and focuses on national security, is reviewing Cosco's planned acquisition of Orient Overseas International because that Hong Kong company has some assets in the US. The assets include a nearly fully automated terminal known as the Long Beach Container Terminal, for which Orient Overseas has a long-term lease.

SOURCE: 20 April 2018, [The Los Angeles Times](#)

(U) NATIONAL**(U) Georgia – Cyberattack Hits County's Servers**

(U) Dawsonville – Dawson County officials said they are working with federal officials as well as an outside cyber security firm to minimize damage from a cyberattack earlier in the week. Monday afternoon, the county's information technology department learned that some county servers had been compromised. The county then began steps to minimize any damage they may have suffered. In addition to about 10 servers, "a handful of individual personal computers" were also affected by the attack. Telephone service was briefly disrupted on Monday afternoon as a result of the attack though 911 and other emergency services were completely unaffected as a result of the cyberattack.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [11 Alive](#)

(U) South Carolina – Former Prison Workers Charged with Smuggling Contraband

(U) Bishopville – A federal grand jury has indicted 14 former South Carolina corrections employees on charges of taking bribes to smuggle drugs, cellphones and other contraband into prisons. The charges were unsealed little more than a week after seven inmates were killed in a riot sparked by a fight among prison gangs over turf and contraband at South Carolina's Lee Correctional Institution. The indictments accused former guards, a nurse, a groundskeeper and service workers of taking bribes, wire fraud and smuggling cellphones and cocaine, methamphetamines and marijuana into prisons from April 2015 to December 2017.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL**(U) Afghanistan – Taliban Announce Spring Offensive with a Focus on US Forces in the Region**

(U) Kabul – The Taliban announced the start of its annual spring offensive yesterday, dismissing an offer for peace talks by President Ashraf Ghani and saying it will focus on US forces in Afghanistan. Hundreds of people have been killed and wounded in a series of high profile attacks in Kabul since the beginning of

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the year, despite Ghani's offer in February for peace talks "without preconditions." A Taliban statement yesterday dismissed the peace overtures as a "conspiracy".

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

(U) Croatia – International Probe Shuts Down Cyberattack Provider

(U) Zagreb – In a major hit against cybercriminals, an international police operation has taken down what investigators called the world's biggest provider of potentially crippling Distributed Denial of Service attacks. Yesterday, police hailed the success of the operation saying that a joint investigation led by Dutch and British experts and supported by European Union police agency Europol led to the arrest on 24 April of the administrators of the website webstresser.org. Europol said webstresser.org had more than 136,000 registered users and racked up 4 million attacks on banks, governments, police forces and the gaming industry. Administrators of the service were arrested in Britain, Croatia, Canada and Serbia, Europol said. The illegal service was shut down and computers and other infrastructure seized in the Netherlands, the United States and Germany.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [The Washington Post](#)

(U) Egypt – Military Reportedly Killed 30 ISIS Militants and Arrested 173 Suspects

(U) Cairo – The Egyptian military reported three officers were killed in the last week in the restive northern Sinai Peninsula, where it is battling an ISIS-led insurgency. The troops killed 30 militants and arrested at least 173 suspects, he said, adding that airstrikes in the Western Desert destroyed 10 vehicles laden with weapons and ammunition. The military said troops dismantled more than 74 explosive devices. It said that troops also destroyed more than 430 hideouts, munition and weapons depots and targeted more than 40 illegal opium fields in the past week. An ISIS affiliate based in northern Sinai has carried out attacks across Egypt in recent years, mainly targeting security forces and the country's Christian minority.

SOURCE: 25 April 2018, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Spain – Gambian Migrant Arrested on Suspicion of Planning Attack

(U) Licola – Italian police have arrested an immigrant from Gambia suspected of planning an attack on behalf of ISIS. Alagie Touray was arrested on 20 April as he was leaving a mosque in Licola, near the southern city of Naples, after local authorities received a tip off from Spanish intelligence. Prosecutor Giovanni Melillo said investigators had found a video of Touray swearing allegiance to ISIS leader Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi. "This gesture is often followed by a terrorist attack," Melillo told reporters. Touray, 21, wrote on the Telegram messaging service that he was "on a mission" and asked others to pray for him, Melillo said. He told police that he had received a "request" from a fellow Gambian to drive a car into a crowd of people, but said he had no intention of doing so.

SOURCE: 26 April 2018, [Reuters](#)

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